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To amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize use of electric personal assistive mobility devices on trails and pedestrian walkways constructed or maintained with Federal-aid highway funds.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 15, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) the electric personal assistive mobility device
6 employs advances in technology and energy effi-
7 ciency to fully and safely integrate the user with pe-
8 destrian transportation;

1 (2) the device enables individuals to travel far-
2 ther and carry more without use of traditional vehi-
3 cles; and

4 (3) the device—

5 (A) promotes gains in productivity;

6 (B) minimizes environmental impacts; and

7 (C) facilitates better use of public ways.

8 **SEC. 2. USE OF ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY**

9 **DEVICES ON TRAILS AND PEDESTRIAN WALK-**

10 **WAYS.**

11 Section 217 of title 23, United States Code, is
12 amended—

13 (1) in subsection (h)—

14 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at
15 the end;

16 (B) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
17 paragraph (6); and

18 (C) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
19 following:

20 “(5) when State or local regulations permit,
21 electric personal assistive mobility devices; and”; and

22 (2) in subsection (j)—

23 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and

24 (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

1 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
2 following:

3 “(3) ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY
4 DEVICE.—The term ‘electric personal assistive mo-
5 bility device’ means a self-balancing, nontandem-
6 wheeled device that—

7 “(A) is designed to transport only 1 person
8 with personal baggage;

9 “(B) is powered solely by an electric pro-
10 pulsion system; and

11 “(C) has a top motor-powered speed not in
12 excess of 20 miles per hour.”.

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